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Dear Mr. Frank:

Thank you for your letter of February 16 regarding the disappearance in Argentina of Rosana Judith Szaferstein.

Ms. Szaferstein is among the many who have disappeared in Argentina and about whom we have been unable to obtain information about their welfare or whereabouts. Accounting for the disappeared is one of the most difficult human rights problems facing the Argentine Government and one which we hope the Argentines will eventually resolve. At the same time, we will continue to use our influence directly and in international fora to encourage Argentine officials to make whatever information they may have available to the families of missing persons. We will ask our Embassy to notify you directly should any information concerning Ms. Szaferstein become available.

In general, the human rights situation has improved greatly in Argentina. Disappearances have virtually ceased. There have been no new detentions under the authority of the national executive power (PEN) in over a year. Cases of persons still under PEN detention are being systematically reviewed and prisoners released outright or under a form of parole.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary for  
Congressional Relations

The Honorable  
Barney Frank,  
House of Representatives.

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